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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WITNESS PROGRAM

ALBERT H. DIEBOLD AWARDS

1988

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1988 Christian Endeavor Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. David G. Jackson, General Secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to a cash gift and grant to attend the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Harlingen, Texas, July 3-7, 1989, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the winners' home churches.

Awards to individuals are given for the most significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or service project. Entries must have been developed, written or released after February 28, 1987, and submitted by February 29, 1988. Judging is based on originality, excellence of literary art or form, implementation of the purpose of the program, and Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported a significant Christian witness project commenced after February 28, 1987, and reported by February 28, 1988. Each activitiy was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, implementation of the purpose of the program, and the Christian witness of the activity to the community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 37 years. The 1988 Program marks the 32nd year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for this year's entries included: Eric Larse, associate president, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Martha Collins and Joan Langkow, Christian Endeavor advisors of the Rose Hill Presbyterian Church, Kirkland, Washington.

Society Winners

Individual Winner
First Place
Mary Alice Shults
Northport Christian Church
Newport, Tennessee

Mary received $125 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $100 for her expenses to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Society Winner
First Place
Leesburg
Presbyterian Church
Christian Endeavor Society
Volant, PA

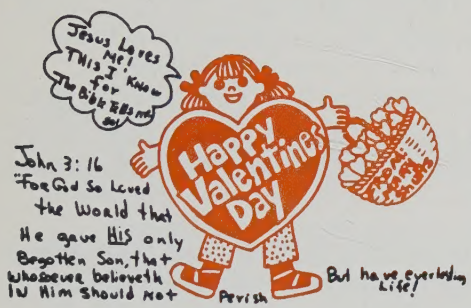
The Leesburg Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society received $150 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $150 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Endeavorers Witness for Christ!

The 1988 Christian Witness Program Winners are as follows:

Individual Winners:

First Place goes to Mary Alice Shults from Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee. Mary made valentines to give to all the classes that had Valentine's Day parties. She wrote John 3:16 on the valentines and drew a girl with a basket of valentines saying, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." She asked a friend to make 200 copies so she would


Jesus Loves Me! This I know For the Bible tells me so
Happy Valentine's Day
John 3:16 "For God so loved the World that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not Perish But have everlasting Life!

Mary's valentine wishes happiness and everlasting life to her school friends.

have enough. Mary attends Pittman Center near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which has ten classrooms and 177 students.

In her entry Mary said, "I'm glad I made the valentines. I know that for some, this was the only valentine they got. And for some this might be the only time they read John 3:16. I hope the Lord will use the valentines for His glory." CONGRATULATIONS, MARY!

Mary received $125 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $100 for her expenses to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Our second place winner was Chad Smith, from First Evangelical Congregational Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Chad showed his dedication to Jesus in many ways.

Chad at the piano. Almost time to start the prelude...just confirming with Ray Schaak, the organist.

He led a project at the Evangelican Christian Church Retirement Village. His entry said he played the piano for a song service, a saxophone solo, and a duet with his younger brother (saxophone and trumpet). The Junior Christian Endeavor group put on a skit, "Christian Endeavor in the Beginning."

After the program they spoke to each resident and gave them candy favors.

Chad volunteered to play piano for the Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

Chad also has demonstrated his Christian witness by volunteering to play the piano at the Wednesday evening prayer service, helping to load newspapers for the church paper drive, and helping to decorate the float for the local holiday parade.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHAD! Chad received $100 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $75 for his expenses to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Our Third Place winner was Eric McCleery from First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas. Eric gave a speech about his Christian Witness at the Christian Endeavor Week Banquet and at morning worship at his church. In Eric's speech he said, "The kids that I am around can usually tell a lot about a person by the way he acts around them. As I go through life, I hope that I am a true witness of my loving, living Savior. What is really great is the reward of being faithful. Psalm 17:15 says, 'As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied when I awake, with Thy likeness!'" CONGRATULATIONS, ERIC!

Eric received $75 cash for his entry.

Society Winners

First Place goes to Leesburg Presbyterian Church Christian Endeavor Society, Volant, Pennsylvania. The Endeavorers held a luau for the community. In order to do

Randy, Gay and Audrey Hongo help to put authentic touches to the Leesburg Christian Endeavor Society luau.

this, they engaged the help of the Hongos, Christian Endeavorers from Hawaii. The Leesburg group arranged for the Hongos team to visit them and give a true example of Christian witness. The Hongos lead worship at two other churches with Christian Endeavor societies and, together at Leesburg Presbyterian, they sponsored an authentic Hawaiian luau complete with roasted whole hog, fruit salads, Hawaiian cake, games, and skits. One hundred-thirty people from the community attended the event. CONGRATULATIONS, LEESBURG ENDEAVORERS!

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Our Second Place winners were from Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Christian Endeavor Society. The youth group decided to help raise money for the building fund. Rev. Dennis Sites (Pastor Denny) helped them set a goal of $3,000 of the $100,000 project. The pastor agreed to let the person who raised the most money shave off his beard and mustache.

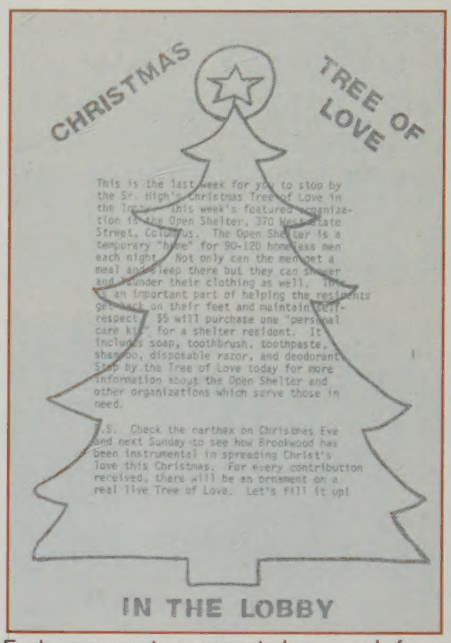
The Endeavorers accepted the challenge. They planned a Walk-a-thon and a Bike-a-thon. They built a 2½-mile track for the walkers and a 5-mile track for the bikers. Each walker would walk 5 miles and each biker would bike 10 miles.

The group raised $5,202.15 total. (Many of the people who had pledged gave much more than they had pledged.) A man in the community had promised to match dollar-for-dollar all money raised that year toward the building fund so the total doubled to $10,404.30. CONGRATULATIONS, JERUSALEM CHAPEL ENDEAVORERS!

The Jerusalem Chapel Youth Society presents their hard earned check. Pastor Denny is about to lose his beard and mustache at the hand of Craig Plotner.

The Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Christian Endeavor Society received $100 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $75 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Our Third Place winners were from Brookwood Presbyterian Church Senior High Youth Group, Columbus, Ohio. They planned a "Christmas Tree of Love." Endeavorers made paper ornaments which each represented an organi-



Each ornament represented a need for a "helping" organization. When a donation was given in that amount, the ornament would be replaced with a shining star to represent Jesus' love in the world.

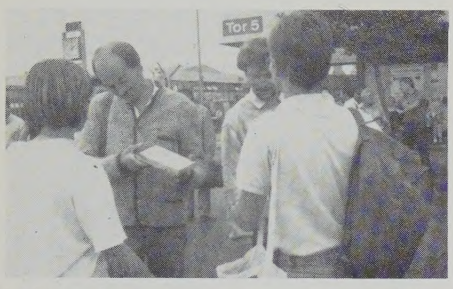
zation with a reputation for helping others to help themselves. After a check was written for the amount (i.e., $40 will buy a single mattress for the Open Shelter), the paper ornament was replaced with a shining star to represent the light of Christ's love in the world.

They earned a total of $1,105. CONGRATULATIONS BROOKWOOD ENDEAVORERS!

The Senior High Youth Group received $75 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of $50 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Time to repent—Zeit zur Umkehr

About 5000 German Endeavorers met from July 28 to 31, 1988 concentrating on the given subject from Mark 1:15. The annual German Christian Endeavor Convention took place in the Mercedes-City of Germany, Sindelfingen near Stuttgart. What a chance telling those 30,000 factory workers it is time to repent. Of course one has to do this in a polite way, and 1,000 Endeavorers were trained doing this on Friday afternoon meeting the employees on their way home. In spite of the rain the Lord might have allowed for a better contrast to the friendly smiling, young people offered a small gift parcel



30,000 gift boxes to Benz workers Sindelfingen, Stuttgart.

to each one leaving the huge Mercedes plant. Highly surprised and curious men and women opened the nicely designed light green boxes with a printed pink ribbon and a tag reading "For you personally". "Ommensoscht nemmet mir älles" (We accept everything if it is free) was the remark of some in their Southern dialect.

Opening the box they found a newspaper-like tract with attractive articles, features, testimonies and

Each box contained testimonies and other information about the Gospel.

pictures, a booklet full of brief life-stories of confessing Christians, a cassette for non-readers, truck and long distance drivers and a little bag full of sweet rubber bears for the children. This evangelistic campaign was made possible through special fund raising to pay the total expenses of 100,000 Deutschmarks or 52,000 US Dollars plus a lot of volunteer work. There was some danger to overshadow the Convention with this outreach. But a thousand young Christians came back reporting happily that almost no one refused to accept, and all those one-day-missionaries thanked the Lord Jesus Christ for this opportunity to be used as a long-term missionary through the materials. Rev. Lothar Velten, the head of the German Christian Endeavor Tent-Mission, explains that out of the first printing of the evangelistic booklet which is distributed during times of evangelism, one reply card out of a thousand came back to his office. Thus he expects thirty Mercedes-workers writing back for more information or even for counseling. It is the sad experience of the German Union that very seldom people respond to invitations for the mass meetings of the annual convention. If the result would be thirty workers becoming curious about Jesus or even coming to the Lord it would be worth the effort.

Father "Gnadau"—100 years old

A full day was dedicated to the centennial fo the Gnadau Union which is the umbrella association for all German evangelicals within the Protestant Church including Christian Endeavor. In his greetings earlier this year the World's Christian Endeavor President referred to the fact that one cannot be sure who is father and who is the son. Sometimes it is the EC (German: Entschieden für Christus), sometimes it is Gnadau whose leaders accepted the program of Christian Endeavor in 1894, adopting the American idea of Francis E. Clark. May 1988 Conny reminded both, Gnadau and Christian Endeavor to serve each other with the gifts God has given each one.

In Sindelfingen it would have been the time for the president of Gnadau, Kurt Heimbucher, to have the Bible Study. Unfortunately the very active and lovely Bavarian pastor could not come any more because the Lord took him back home early that week of the convention. Only 61 years old, his death was a shock for many. But the General Secretary of Gnadau, Theo Schneider was able to read the complete outline which was finished already. Referring to Matthew 8:23-27 Heimbucher concentrated on the subject "Jesus is present—you may trust him." Rev. Christoffer Pfeiffer conducted the worship service on Sunday which was dedicated to the Missions. The Chairman of the Association of Evangelical Missions in Germany, Rev. Ernst Vatter from Bad Liebenzell, challenged 5000 Endeavorers "Jesus is present—you are needed."

Young people during those days of fellowship were called to follow and to serve the Lord. They were

Chairman Pfeiffer and 4,999 Endeavorers early morning exercise in between the program.

encouraged and challenged. They are glad they came, and many will come again next year at the end of July 1989 to Lage, Westfalen, meeting in a huge tent at that time. It will be great because we serve a great God.

Konrad Brandt

National Convention of the Association of Christian Endeavor in India October 22nd to 24th, 1988 — Madras.

1. Prof. D. Swamiraj, Vice-President of the ACEI — Welcoming the delegates at the inaugural meeting of the Convention. Seated in the dais are from left to right: Rev. Dr. Dayanandan Francis; Rt. Rev. H. S. Thanaraj, Asst. Bishop, CSI-Madras Diocese; Rev. Kishore N. Masih, President, ACEI; Mr. B. K. Pramanik; Dr. Doug Cozart, Director, Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership Training, Atlanta, Georgia, USA; Mr. Raja Henry, Business Manager, Hindustan Bible Institute, the Venue of the Convention.

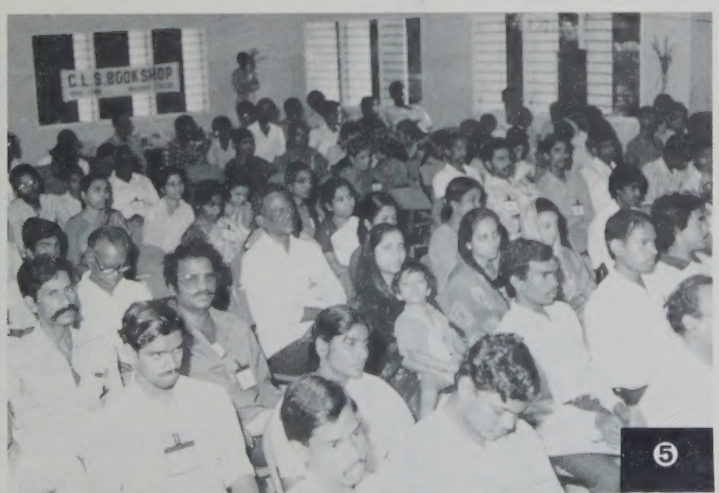
2. Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gupta, President and Director, Hindustan Bible Institute, Madras, the main speaker for the Convention delivering the message at one of the sessions.

3. At the entrance of the Venue of the Convention — are from left to right: Mr. B. K. Pramanik; Rev. Kishore N. Masih; Dr. Mithra J. Ebenezer and Mr. J.S. Rathore.

4. Mr. B. K. Pramanik, member, Board of Trustees, World's Christian Endeavor-Union conveying the greetings on behalf of the World's Christian Endeavor-Union and thanking Dr. Mithra J. Ebenezer at the inaugural meeting.

5. A section of the delegates.

6. The delegates who participated in the Convention.



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Start your morning with a Quiet Hour designed especially for your age level, followed by a "Christian Endeavor Lab" training seminar.

Divide into small Growth Groups for in-depth study and interaction.

- Changing Defeats into Victories
- Loving the Person in the Mirror
- ICU (Intensive Caring Unit)
- The Sanctity of Life

Plus 20 more growth groups for young people and adults.

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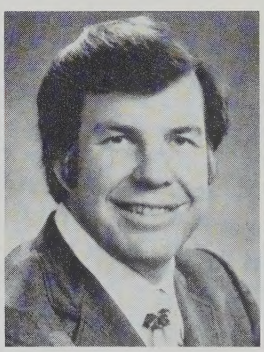
Bill Glass
Evangelist, worldwide prison ministry outreach, Dallas, Texas



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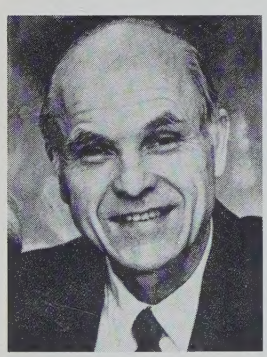

Ralph Winter
Missionary, Director of the U.S. Center for World Missions, Pasadena, California

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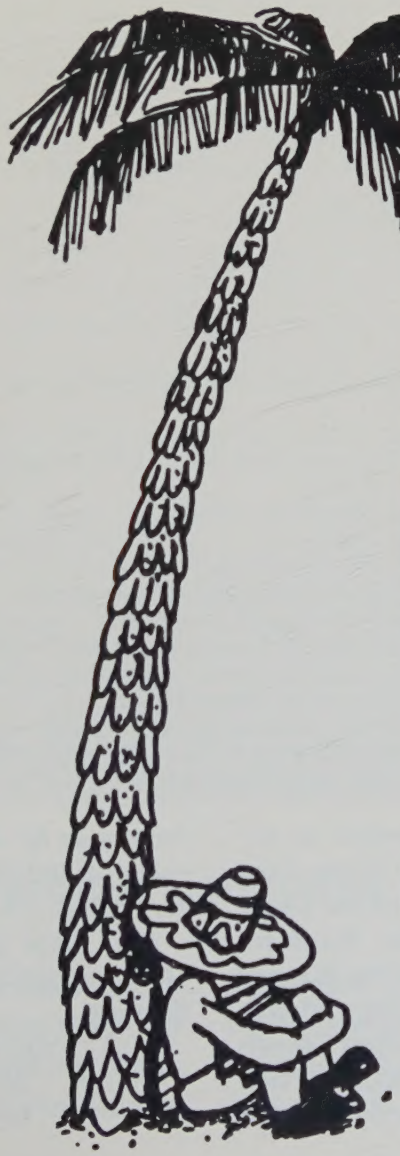
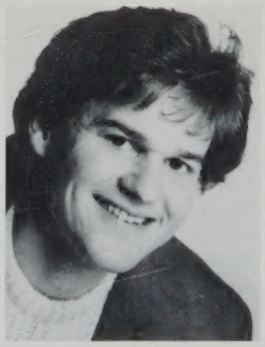


EVENING

Enjoy activities which will feature:

- Enthusiastic group singing
- Special musical presentations
- Inspirational messages
- Christian Drama
- Youth Witness Winners
- Late Night Specials
- Communion Service



Billy Crockett
contemporary Christian Latin/rock/jazz singer/ musician, Nashville, Tennessee

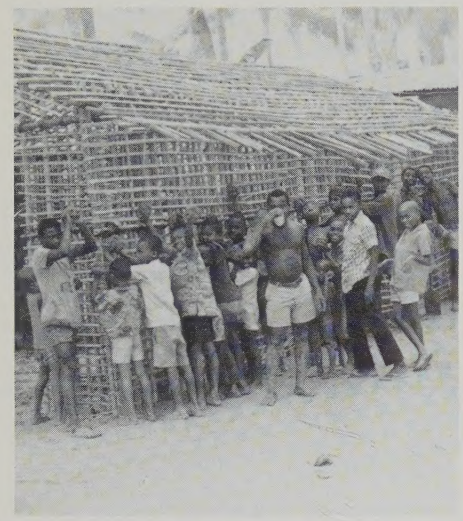
Randy, Gay and Andrew Hongo
Christian recording artists, Honolulu, Hawaii

Cameroon

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The work of Christian Endeavour Union in Cameroon is progressing.

Beginner group age 3-8
Intermediate group age 9-15
Young people group age 16-25
Senior young people group age 26-49
Adult group 50 and above.

Each group holds their meeting weekly by 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., subjects: singing, Bible reading and message. Pastors are helping much in the work.



Cameroon Christian Endeavorers outside their new addition to their house of worship.

The seven Pastors in Cameroon do cover Eyumojock and Ekok. Many young people and school children love to attend the meeting. Some are not members of our Church, but they belong to another Church group. Miss Mfon A. Obot visited us and sang to our young people. She is a wonderfully gifted young girl. Miss Ini A. Akpan will visit us on Easter, 1989. We will have a young people singing group. Our General meeting will come up at Abak on the 25th through the 30th of April, 1989.

We hope at the next World Convention, Cameroon will be represented. Pray for us. Rev. P. Johnson and an other will represent us. Pray for us.

Many people do not love to give and they do not obey God's word. Pray for them to obedient to the Lord's Command. Let us hear from you. Give our love to all the Christian Endeavour Union members with you. We are replacing the roof on our attached building. Please help us. We still need seven thousand DM for our house of worship. to add to the money and roof the house for worship.

We visited Abak and saw Bishop A.A. Akpan. He is doing nice work.

God bless you and your work. Give our love to all the Endeavours with you.

Your's in Christ,
John Williams
President

SOCIETY ROLL CALL

Societies and unions which have become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through financial support of $25 or more during 1988 are listed here. Each of these groups has received an enrollment certificate. Those groups which have contributed $100 or more have received a gold seal certificate.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by state and province. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

GOLD SEAL

Argo Presbyterian Church, Trussville, Alabama
Adult Christian Endeavor, Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Alabama
American Samoa Christian Endeavor Union
California Christian Endeavor Union
Canadian Christian Endeavor Union
First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.
Adult Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D.C.
Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, Hawaii
Christian Education Department, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois
College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Maryland Christian Endeavor Alumni
Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
First Reformed Church of Grandville, Grandville, Michigan
Harlem Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Missouri Christian Endeavor Union
Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New York, New York
New York State Christian Endeavor Union
Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York
North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union
Poling Alumni Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio
Adult Christian Endeavor, Grace United Brethren in Christ Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
Adult Christian Endeavor, New Dundee United Brethren in Christ Church, New Dundee, Ontario
Hamilton Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Hamilton, Ontario
Lambton County Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario
Ontario Society of Christian Endeavor
Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon
Oregon Christian Endeavor Union
Suburban Christian Church, Corvallis, Oregon
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
The Ladies Aid Society, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Mission Board, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Senior High Christian Endeavor, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Erie County Christian Endeavor Union, Pennsylvania
Faith United Presbyterian Church, Sharpsville, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania
First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Pennsylvania

First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
North Liberty Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Parsons Primitive Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union
Philadelphia Longtimers Christian Endeavor Association, Pennsylvania
Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Southern Region Christian Endeavor
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Texas Christian Endeavor Union
Richmond-Petersburg-Prince George-Disputanta-Hopewell (Virginia) Area Endeavorers
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
East Valley Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington
Christian Church of New Cumberland, New Cumberland, West Virginia
West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union

HONOR GROUPS

Christian Endeavor Alumni, San Gabriel, California
Youth and Young Adult Christian Endeavor, New Birth Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Senior Christian Endeavor, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Florida Christian Endeavor Alumni
Hawaii State Christian Endeavor Association
Young Peoples Christian Endeavor, Mokuaikaua Congregational Church, Kailua, Kona, Hawai
Opihikao Congregational Church, Pahoa, Hawaii
Alumni Council of Christian Endeavor, Chicago, Illinois
Christian Endeavor, Crestview United Brethren in Christ Church, Lafayette, Indiana
The Salvation Army, Springfield, Massachusetts
The Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Worcester, Massachusetts
Michigan Conference, United Brethren in Christ Church
Senior Christian Endeavor, Harlem Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Zeeland Junior Christian Endeavor, Zeeland, Michigan
Trinity Christian Endeavor, Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louise, Missouri
Brooklyn/Queens Christian Endeavor Alumni, New York
Christian Endeavor, Avlon United Brethren Church, Bremen, Ohio
Columbus Area Adult Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Columbus, Ohio
Possibility Living Ministry Cooperative, The Name of Christ Church, St. Marys, Ohio
Salem Chapel Women's Missionary Association, Salem Chapel Church, Junction City, Ohio
Grace United Brethren in Christ Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Adult Community Christian Endeavor, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Youth Christian Endeavor, Barton Road United Brethren in Christ Church, Meadvill, Pennsylvania
Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Junior High Christian Endeavor, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Duncannon Area Christian Endeavor, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennslyvania
Christian Endeavor, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, Guitner Church, Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Lehigh Valley Christian Endeavor Fellowship, Pennsylvania
Luzerne County Christian Endeavor Alumni Association, Pennsylvania
Old York Road Christian Endeavor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Roxborough Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Adult Christian Endeavor, St. David's United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania

Announcing

The World's Christian Endeavor Union and the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland invite the Christian Endeavorers from all lands to attend the

21st
World's
Christian Endeavor
Convention

Warwick University
Coventry, England

July 31 — August 4, 1990

CONVENTION THEME
Committed to Christ...
Commissioned by Christ

Unite with us in prayer for God's blessing and the outpouring of His Spirit upon this gathering and join with Endeavorers from around the world for an exciting Convention in the heart of England.

Convention Delegates Fund

Many Christian Endeavor young people from our Mexican Union are excited about the possibility of participating in our 60th International Convention in Harlingen. However, the exchange rate between the Mexican peso is 2,400 pesos to $1 (U.S.) which which means that it will take over 430,000 pesos to cover each delegates expenses.

Several Christian Endeavor groups and individuals already are raising funds to assist these Mexican young people. We need approximately $12,000 to complete this project successfully. Presently, we have $3,000 in this fund. Would you assist with this worthy project by helping to underwrite the expense of one or more Mexican Endeavorers?

"The Best of Russia"

A Christian Endeavor Fellowship
Tour to the Soviet Union
(Excerpts from the diary
of Kay Foster)

August 3-6 — Our group of 22 left JFK Airport in New York by KLM for Amsterdam, then on to Stockholm, Sweden, and Helsinki, Finland, where we met our Tour Escort George Kalbouss.

We entered the U.S.S.R. via Finnair and arrived at Moscow, a city of about 8,500,000 people and also the capital of the Soviet Union. Here we met our Intourist Escort, Donara, whom we came to love. She was with us on all travels in the U.S.S.R. along with a local guide in each city.

Highlights of our stay in Moscow were our hotel, The Rossia, the largest in Europe; St. Basils Cathedral in Red Square; a walking tour of the Kremlin and Red Square with government buildings and beautiful churches with gold domes, especially beautiful with night lighting; a trip to the 30,000 student Moscow University in Lenin Hills providing a panoramic view of Moscow.

Left to right: Oliver Benner, Loma Doan, Clyde Sherk, Sheldon Benner, Jack Halliday, Carol House, Earl Todt.

Zagorsk, about 35 miles from Moscow, is the location of the Holy Trinity Monastery which has a functioning seminary. Here we saw the Assumption Church with beautiful bright blue and gold domes with stars on the blue (dome). In the Holy Trinity Church we joined worshipers (all standing) for a church service.

After visiting the museum at Zagorsk, we shopped in our first Beriozka, a government-run store for tourists. What fun! We were well fed in the Soviet Union. A typical breakfast was brown bread, hard rolls, sweet rolls, jam, sausage, mustard, and Kefir (a yogurt, buttermilk drink) and cheese. Food was plentiful and tasty — losts of tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, cabbage, beef, chicken, and soup.

In Moscow we toured the Economic Achievement Exhibition where each of the 15 republics, comprising the Soviet Union, has its own pavillion built in its own architectural style. One evening's entertainment was by the Osipor Ensemble, a world-touring group, first appearing on stage in formal wear, then in colorful folk dress, presenting vocal and instrumental musical variety.

August 7-11 — By Soviet Airlines we traveled to Kiev, a city of over 2,000,000 and the capital of the Soviet Ukraine where Christianity was introduced 1,000 years ago. The Dneiper River, which flows through the city, is where Prince Vladimir had the first Christians baptized in 988.

The St. Laura Monastery of the Caves was impressive. It is the most holy place of the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1988 it again became a functioning monastery. Babi Yar Monument and the Moscow Gates of Kiev with the huge Mother Ukraine were spectacular. We attended an evening vesper service in St. Vladimer's Russian Orthodox Cathedral where Dr. Billy Graham had preached just a few months earlier.

Left to right (standing): Sheldon Benner, Intourist Guide Donara, Patricia Reynolds, Mary Lindsey, Roxanne Schlimm, Ken Matta, Mildred Christgau, Loraine Schlimm, Kay Foster, Clyde Sherk, Martha Halter, William & Gilda Hartzell, Vern Boss. Left to right (kneeling) Oliver Benner, Jane Boss, Loma Doan, Carol House, Jack Halliday, Norma Boss, Mary Frances Halliday, Janet Smaltz.

While in Kiev we met a priest from Chicago who told us "he had been to a church service last night with 5,000 people. The Russian Orthodox Church is flourishing; 400 new churches opened in June." Christianity is alive and growing!

Our visit to Odessa, the largest seaport in the Ukraine, was our most southern destination in the Soviet Union. We spent an evening at the Odessa opera and ballet theatre for the opera, "Blood Wedding."

August 12-13 — A bus ride from Odessa to Kishinev, the capital of the Soviet Republic of Moldavia, gave us our only trip into the countryside. We passed through a rich agricultural area of grain farming, vegetable and fruit production, and poultry houses. In Kishinev, after a tour of the city, we were entertained with a folklore program of dancing and singing by the Moldavian people in their native costumes.

August 14-17 — Our last stop in the U.S.S.R. was Leningrad, known as St. Petersburg until 1924 when it was renamed in honor of Vladimer I. Lenin. It is one of the most beautiful cities of the world. Special points of interest were: St. Peter and Paul's Fortress along the Neva River, St. Isaac's Cathedral, and the Peterhof Palace. There are 21 functioning churches in Leningrad—one Lutheran, one Baptist, one Catholic, and the rest, Russian Orthodox.

Our return trip home was via Helsinki, Stockholm, with an overnight in Amsterdam and a morning tour of that area in Holland.

We hope our Christian Witness will be helpful to those we encountered. We felt God's love and guidance all the way.

Endeavorers taking a dip in the Black Sea.

The Kremlin

REMINDER

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP TOURS TO EUROPE IN 1990

The International Society of Christian Endeavor in connection with the 21st World's Christian endeavor convention to be held at Coventry, England, July 31 - August 4, 1990 is sponsoring Fellowship Tours.

Fellowship Tours are being planned for:

The British Isles
(pre-convention)
July 21 - Aug. 6, 1990
England, Scotland, Wales

The Passion Play
(post-convention)
July 27 - Aug. 11, 1990
Belgium, Holland,
Germany, Oberammergau

Scandinavia
(post-convention)
July 27 - Aug. 13, 1990
Denmark, Sweden, Norway

If you will let us know which tour(s) interest you, we will send you more information as soon as it is available.

We invite you to plan now to join us in 1990 for a great World's Christian Endeavor Convention and the Fellowship Tour(s) of your choice.

For more information, please contact:

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Tracy's Travels

On June 25, 1988, I went to share with the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union in the state of Morelos. I found the people to be very warm and friendly. The love they showed me was great. I was greeted at the airport by Jaime Vazquez, a Trustee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, and other Endeavorers from the Morelos Christian Endeavor Union. Jaime was my interpreter while in Mexico. I stayed with him and his very fine Christian family. I had an official welcome to Mexico by the Christian Endeavor societies of the state of Morelos. Fifty young people were waiting for me at the church in La Unidad wearing red hearts with "Tracy" written on them. It was a blessing to see so much love expressed to me. Along with the welcome, they had a Christian Endeavor meeting so I could observe. I was served some very delicious Mexican food.

The President of the Morelos Christian Endeavor Union, Cecilio Gonzalez, showed me how Christian Endeavor operates in the state of Morelos. The state is divided into five zones, with 17 societies all in Presbyterian churches. The societies are made up of 150 young people. I was impressed by the sacrifice the members of this church are making. They have sold their jewelry and other items to get money for Christian Endeavor and to build a church building.

After the welcoming service I went to Buena Vista, where Christian Endeavor members and church members were sitting around a campfire singing and praising God for land to build a church building. I spoke about Christian Endeavor and answered questions. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Sunday morning I attended a Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Bethel Church. I shared about Christian Endeavor. After the meeting I was served a delicious breakfast by the Christian Endeavor society. I left there and went and shared with the Sunday school at Emmanuel Church. My next stop was the worship service at the Philadelphia Church. I spoke there about Christian Endeavor. In the afternoon I went to speak at the Christian Endeavor meeting in Montezuma. Six societies sent their young people to this meeting. In the evening I attended the worship service in Atlacomulco. There were members from five different Christian Endeavor societies. I shared about Christian Endeavor. After the evening worship service, I went to a Christian Endeavor dinner for me. During this time the Endeavorers sang and shared. I enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowshipping.

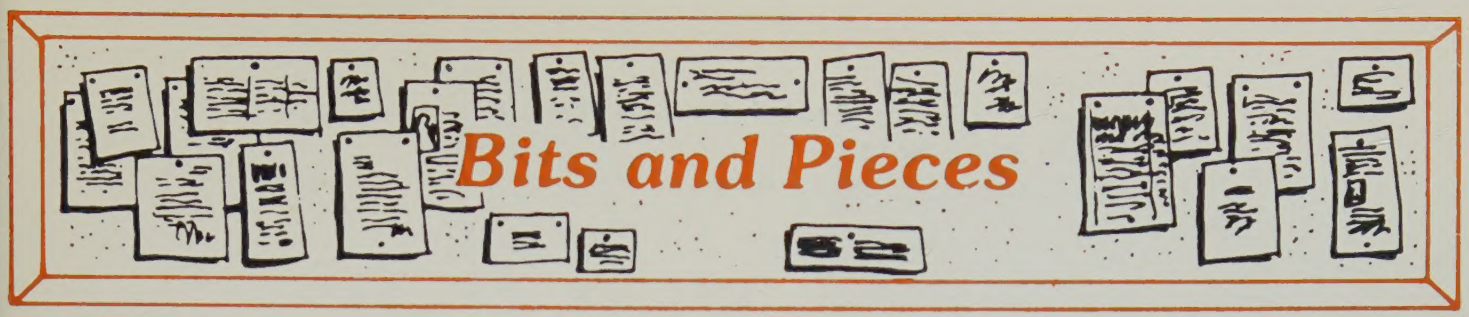
Monday morning Christian Endeavor members took me to Atlihuayan to see a special project that the Morelos Christian Endeavor Union started. Last July they went to this city and provided free medical, dental, veterinarian, and haircutting services to the people. They gave them food, clothes, medicine, teachers, and doctors. They showed movies about Jesus Christ and went to homes and shared the Gospel. The people are very poor. Christian Endeavor has this project each year to help meet the social, economic, and spiritual needs of the people in this city. I was deeply touched as I walked around and saw the living conditions of the people there. I saw for the first time what real poverty is. I was grateful for the efforts Christian Endeavor had undertaken to help.

The Christian Endeavor Union plans to go back and provide these services again free to the people. Let me encourage you to pray for the people in Atlihuayan and for the Christian Endeavor Union in Morelos to raise enough funds to continue to provide these services. They would like to do this project twice a year. I spent the rest of the morning with Christian Endeavor members sightseeing around Atlihuayan and realized the need Christian Endeavor could serve.

For my final evening in Mexico, the Endeavorers had a special meeting to say goodbye. They sang, played games and shared how my trip there had been a blessing to them. They gave me gifts and prayed for me. I thank God for giving me the privilege to go to Mexico. I hope to go again. I would like to ask you also to pray that the Morelos Christian Endeavor Union will get the leaders they need. Christian Endeavor leaders have too many responsibilities in their church and can't be as effective as they want in Christian Endeavor. Pray for their financial needs. The average Mexican only makes $4.50 per day.

I want to close by thanking each of you for your prayers as I travel this year serving Christian Endeavor as the International Vice-President.

Tracy D. Matthews



The annual Coffee and Dessert Party, sponsored by the Adult Christian Endeavor Society of Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, was held again this year at the home of the President, Loma Doan, on 31 May 1988. Approximately 110 people dropped in between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to enjoy the delicious, scrumptuous, gooey desserts that had been prepared by the ladies of the group. Each year the proceeds from this event are designated to a mission project and this year's recipient was the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Donations from the popular event totalled $665.00 to be used for the work of Christian Endeavor.

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Edna Badeaux, President of the Tennessee Christian Endeavor Union and a Trustee of the International Society, exchanged time for eternity on November 26, 1988, after an extended illness. Edna long was active in Christian Endeavor having served in many positions both in her home state of Texas, Tennessee, and the Southern Region. The family has requested that memorials be made to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Jane Ann Snow, former Associate President of the International Society and a member of its Executive Committee, became Mrs. Allen Sharka on March 26, 1988. They now are residing at 1712 West 71st Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60517. Our belated congratulations, Jane and Allen.

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Berniece J. Aiken, a long-time Endeavorer from Sarnia, Ontario, died on April 10, 1988. Apart from her daily work, Christian Endeavor was an important aspect of her life to which she devoted many hours. As she had no descendents, Christian Endeavor at all levels were the beneficiaries of her estate.

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Herbert Quandt, a former Trustee of the International Society and a member of the Executive Committee, died on February 25, 1989. Herb long was active in Christian Endeavor in California and will be missed by Christian Endeavorers across North America.

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Ellis Shaw, former Field Secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, currently is serving as interim pastor at the First Chinese Church of Christ in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ellis and his wife Lorraine have been instrumental in reorganizing the ministry of Christian Endeavor in that church.

Missing the Board of Trustees annual meetings in Columbus was a big disappointment for me. I had planned to be with you but complications regarding the sale of my home made it impossible. Next year's meeting dates are already on my calendar.

1988 was a year of variety and change for me. Selling my home and the disposal of so many things was a traumatic experience. Loneliness is not a welcome feeling. It was reassuring to have so many letters and cards at the start of the year. Your love and prayers really helped me through difficult days. Many thanks to you all.

Since I do not believe in retirement, I accepted many teaching and preaching dates including two summer camps of one week each. Service for God is so rewarding and I praise Him for the privilege.

By mid-year God brought into my life a lovely Christian lady, Becky Hunnex. We were members of the same church for many years. She and her husband worked in Christian Endeavor with Mary and myself and we have been friends through all the years. Becky lost her husband three years ago. We know God brought us together and we thank Him for it. We married on January 1st, 1989.

Love to you all,
Cecil Jeffery

Donald Vespremi, 1947-1988

The following resolution, in memory of the ministry of Don Vespremi to Christian Endeavor, was adopted at the 1988 Board of Trustees meetings.

There is an empty place this year at the Educational Committee and Trustees Meetings. Our hearts are filled with sadness and joy with the passing of Don Vespremi from this life to eternity. He will be missed, not only by his family members, but by his many friends as well.

Because of Don's Christian faith and love, his dedication to Christ and the Church, and his faithful commitment to Christian Endeavor to all age levels — be it resolved that these words of tribute be a written memorial to him.

As we remember this faithful servant, we rejoice knowing that he is with our Lord and Savior.

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Society Roll Call

The Lord has abundantly blessed His Church with outstanding leaders for more than 100 years through the Christian Endeavor movement. We encourage every youth group or church to give a Roll Call gift. A Roll Call certificate will be sent to each group sending a gift of $25 or more; a special gold certificate suitable for framing will be sent to each group contributing $100 or more.

The International Society offers ResourCEntres for the training of youth leaders and sponsors for more effective ministry in the local church. Great plans are being made for the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Harlingen, Texas, July 3-7, 1989. We also provide 7,000 youth groups with three Resource Packets yearly.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is committed to advancing the cause of Christ by assisting local churches to train young leaders in the church this year as it has since 1881.

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